

how. Much less can we afford to let the mission work suffer for the want of funds. Now do not get the idea that we are so far behind that we cannot redeem ourselves for we are not; neither do we want to get in that condition. All we need is an effort on the part of our ministers bringing the matter before the people. The battle will be won and the Lord's cause greatly strengthened.

T. C. LESLIE,

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#### Washington, D. C.

It is with much hesitancy that I submit for publication my annual report as Secretary for the Washington church. After the reading of the report at our regular business meeting, several members favored its publication but a question as to the propriety of so doing was raised and in view of that fact have withheld it to this time. It might be well to state that the one who raised the question has now signified his willingness to have it published and has asked me to write the EVANGELIST. In regard to the statement it may be well to have it thoroughly understood that Brother Lyon covered eight months of the same report in his Annual statement to National Conference. His statement was not published and of course but a small percentage of the brotherhood know what has been done by the "faithful few" in this city.

Much good work is being done here by Brother Lyon and the membership is steadily increasing. The brotherhood should not lose sight of the fact that we are doing our utmost to carry the work on and it requires finances to do it. By a careful study of my statement you can see what is being done and what is not being accomplished in securing support from all members of the church. I do not think the percentage of non-givers is larger here than elsewhere, but we feel it keenly as aid from all sources is desired.

At our Annual Business Meeting practically the same officers were re-elected to serve the ensuing year. Bright prospects are ahead of the church here and we hope and pray that the church at large will be liberal in her support to the work at Washington.

#### Financial Statement—Washington City Church

As your secretary for the year 1901, the first calendar year of the organization of the Brethren church in this city, I beg leave to offer the following financial statement from January 1st to December 31, 1901.

##### RECEIPTS

Basket collections,	\$122 24
Washington D. C., Missionary Society,	19 32
" " Sunday school,	15 00
Transferred from Building Fund account,	21 78
Sale of communion glasses,	60
Unmarked envelopes,	60
Barrel openings,	58 85
Oyster Supper at Brother Garber's home,	31 20
Special for Bro. Lyon's expense to Nat. conf.,	25 00
" " Haskins,	4 80
" " Tombaugh,	10 00

" " Hayre,	10 00
" by " Lyon,	5 70
" " Toepper,	1 00
Amount raised by envelope system,	515 94
Total,	\$842 03

##### EXPENDITURES

Incidentals,	\$14 47
Coal,	8 65
Expense for Communion Services,	4 47
Excavating,	2 50
Hauling dirt,	2 00
Church seal,	2 25
12 months' gas,	16 13
R. R fare for brother Henry Wise,	2 20
" " Tombaugh,	2 30
" " Haskins,	7 80
Bro. Tombaugh for services rendered,	10 00
" Hayre " "	10 00
" Lyon's expenses to National Conf.,	25 00
" Lyon on salary account,	700 06
Balance on hand January 1, 1902,	31 20
Total	\$842 03

The average basket collection per week was \$2 35. During the year there was a monthly average on the total receipts of \$70.17, a weekly average of \$16.19. During the year pledges were secured from 34 persons making a sum total of \$484.50. Of this amount \$440.29 was paid, \$28.42 was exonerated by the board authorized by the Moderator to act on delinquents, leaving a balance on unpaid pledges to be carried to individual accounts for 1902 of \$15.79.

The total amount received thru the envelope system was \$515 94, showing that altho pledges were not given for all monies paid in this manner \$31.44 was raised by those who had not stipulated any particular sum.

Itemized the pledges make the following showing.

Pledges made,	34
" paid in full,	16
" showing balance due,	11
" overpaid,	7

The amount overpaid on pledges is \$1.55, and unlike the balance due accounts, will not be considered in 1902, unless so stipulated by each member having a portion of the above credit.

The amount raised by methods other than basket collections and envelopes was \$203 85, being 24 per cent of the total raised. This sum was used to a good advantage, but outside of a few accounts could have been paid by the envelope system, as the burden of raising it fell mostly on those who paid in this way.

The sum of \$31 20 shown as a balance due to 1902 was raised at the supper given at the home of Moderator Garber. It was deemed wise to carry this amount as an Emergency Fund, for the payment of incidentals, already orders having been drawn on this account for \$16 66 leaving a balance in hand of treasurer of \$14.54. It is hoped that action can soon be taken providing for a small sum to be set aside weekly for this purpose.

In 1901 there were 78 names on the personal ledger. Of these 6 were friends of the church. The amount paid by them was \$72.75. We hope they will continue their support.

Of the 72 names of members carried on the books 33 made pledges and either paid in part or in whole, 3 made pledges and did not pay anything, 17 paid but did not pledge, leaving a balance of 19 that neither paid nor pledged, equal to 26 per cent of the membership.

In 1902 we start off with 78 members located in or about the city and 15 outside of the city and we hope for the 93 members recorded that 1902 will cut down or out the percentage of those who do not contribute their mite to sustain the work.

With all the good work done here and the church at large we were indebted to Brother Lyon, January 1, 1902 the sum of \$62.88. January 1, 1901 there was only a balance of \$62.13 due

Brother Lyon, 75 cts. less than January 1, 1902. But you will note that outside sources dropped considerably. for during 1900 the church here raised but \$363.20 compared to \$842.03 for 1901, a difference in favor of 1901 of \$478.83.

I wish to draw your attention to a few figures showing the financial growth of the church the past five years, making comparisons with 1901 the first year under organization. A portion of these figures I obtained from the records kept by Brother Lyon and altho until 1901 Brother Lyon's monthly accounts ranged from the 17th to 17th instead of the 1st to 1st, it will not materially affect the results.

In 1897, \$158 23 was raised making an average of \$13.19 per month.

In 1898, \$169 84 was raised, making an average of \$14.15 per month, a total increase over 1897 of \$11.61 or 7 per cent.

In 1899, \$209 56 was raised making an average of \$17.46 per month, a total increase over 1898 of \$39.72 or 23 per cent, and over 1897 of \$51.33 or 32 per cent.

In 1900, \$363 20 was raised making an average of \$30 27 per month, a total increase over 1899 of \$153 64 or 73 per cent, over 1898 of \$193 36 or 114 per cent, and over 1897 of \$204.97 or 129 per cent.

In 1901, the first year of organization, \$842.03 was raised making an average of \$70.17 per month, a total increase over 1900 of \$478 83 or 132 per cent, over 1899 of \$632.47 or 302 per cent, over 1898 of \$672.19 or 396 per cent, and over 1897 of \$683.80 or 432 per cent.

These figures show a healthy increase and if in 1902 we would gain over 1901 but 19 per cent or 113 per cent less than the gain of 1901 over 1900 we would, as far as finances is concerned, become a self-supporting church.

It may be well for us to look forward to what we must meet this year and I have prepared a budget basing my figures on last year's experience. It is understood these figures are, with the exception of the amount stipulated for pastor's salary, only estimates, and consequently subject to change.

Pastor's salary, the amount, as yet being set by National Conference,	\$900 00
Incidentals,	25 00
Gas,	20 00
Coal and Wood,	10 00
Repairs,	45 00
Total,	\$1000 00

An average of \$83.33 per month or \$19 23 per week.

On the same basis that 26 per cent of the members do not give support to the work this year, as in 1901, it will resolve itself for the balance, or 69 members to pay an average of 28 cents per week.

The average cannot be taken as the amount you should give, for experience teaches us that all can not give alike, and altho all can not give as much as the highest, none need say they can not give at least something.

The moral I would draw from the foregoing is that the committee on Weekly (not weakly) Offerings should *hustle* and the secretary get after *delinquents*. Respectfully submitted,

J. E. PARSONS, Sec'y.

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